

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 418

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Westvue Church of Christ on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the many fine churches across this State constitute an institutional foundation for an orderly and just society, and their dedicated service to God and humanity is the bedrock upon which our State and Nation are founded; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those institutions and their congregations that, through their capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of the people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dynamic and historic community of faith is Westvue Church of Christ in Lewisburg, whose members will commemorate the church's fiftieth anniversary during a homecoming celebration on October 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in 1939, a small group of Christians purchased an old building from the Presbyterian Church at 300 Water Street in Lewisburg and established the Water Street Church of Christ. The men of the congregation served as preachers, and the building was paid for in 1949; and

WHEREAS, the first full-time preacher was E.W. Guthrie, followed by Roy Beasley, Neal Roberts, and Tom B. Loveless. Both attendance and contributions increased during these years; and

WHEREAS, in May 1966, a building fund was started, and on January 2, 1967, construction of a new building began on a lot on Mooresville Highway in Lewisburg, which became the home of Westvue Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Westvue Church of Christ has been served by the following ministers: Tom B. Loveless, W.D. Jeffcoat, Clay Derryberry, Steve Short, Willard Pyles, Tom German, Bill Young, Joe Alley, Vinton Morgan, Jason Hart, and Tommy Hood. Rick Rolin, the present minister, began his tenure with Westvue in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Westvue Church of Christ has continued to be an example of Christian faith, love, and fellowship to the surrounding community, serving both spiritual and physical needs for fifty years, and it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to recognize this church on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Westvue Church of Christ on the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary and thank the members and elders of this congregation for their service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee as we extend to them our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.